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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ARGENTINA

AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES --ARGENTINA

I. ENHANCED OBSERVATION OF POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS

-- REITERATE TO ALL LEVELS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE US VIEWS CONTINUING
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS: AND THAT IF CONSIDERABLE AND
VISIBLE IMPROVEMENT DOES NOT OCCUR, THE US MAY HAVE TO
LIMIT FURTHER ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY TIES TO ARGEN-
TINA.

-- URGE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE BASIC HUMAN
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RIGHTS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE RESTORATION OF
DUE PROCESS, THE CURBING OF OFFICIALLY COMMITTED OR
SANCTIONED ABUSES, AND THE PUBLICATION OF LISTS OF
DETAINEES.

-- PERSUADE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT LEADERS THAT THEIR
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE CAN BE IMPROVED BY SIGNING AND

RATIFYING THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
TO ASSESS THE ACCURACY OF ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

VIOLATIONS.

-- GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO CULTURAL EXCHANGES OF
JURISTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT INFLUENCE
HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

-- ENCOURAGE STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIC,
CIVILIAN, AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING
THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL PARTIES,
LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

-- DEVELOP CONTACTS AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF LEGITIMATE POLITICAL PARTIES.

-- ENCOURAGE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL VISITS
TO ARGENTINA WHICH WILL STRESS US CONCERN FOR BASIC
HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- ENCOURAGE A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE
POOR AND THE UNEMPLOYED OF THE COUNTRY AND A GREATER
WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS.

-- CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO SETTLE
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ARGENTINES WHO MAY BE TARGETS FOR POLITICAL PERSECUTION,
IN THE US AND ELSEWHERE.

II. ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR OUR NPT, ARMS CONTROL
POLICIES

-- PERSUADE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY AND
SUPPORT THE TREATY OF TLA TELLO AND FOREGO THE
ACQUISITION OF AN INDEPENDENT REPROCESSING CAPABILITY.

-- ENCOURAGE ACTIVE ARGENTINE INVOLVEMENT IN THE
INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM AND
IN SUBSEQUENT STUDIES DEVOTED TO DEVELOPING NUCLEAR
ENERGY AND ENSURING THAT IT IS USED FOR PEACEFUL PUR-
POSES.

III. ARGENTINE ROLE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES

-- ENCOURAGE ARGENTINA TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN
DEFINING AND NEGOTIATING ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE ONGOING
DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD
BASED ON ITS OWN INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF

LATIN AMERICAN, THIRD WORLD OR G-77 SOLIDARITY.

-- WORK TO MAINTAIN THE 20 US SHARE OF THE ARGENTINE MARKET BY TRADE SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, ETC.

-- DO NOT DISCOURAGE ARGENTINA FROM DIVERSIFYING ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES.

-- ENCOURAGE ARGENTINA TO INCREASE ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

-- ENCOURAGE THE PRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF ARGENTINA'S AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING SECTORS.

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-- ENCOURAGE ARGENTINA TO PLAY A ROLE AS INTERMEDIARY IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND POOR COUNTRIES.

IV. A SATISFACTORY BILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WHICH PROMOTES US SECURITY INTERESTS

-- DISCOURAGE ARGENTINA'S PARTICIPATION IN A "SOUTHERN CONE" BLOC DEVOTED TO UNDERMINING A MULTILATERAL AND POSITIVE POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- PROMOTE US SECURITY INTERESTS AND MAINTAIN MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE BOUNDS AND SPIRIT OF US LAW AND CONSISTENT WITH ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN COLLECTIVE HEMISPHERIC SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS (RIO TREATY).

-- WORK TO LIMIT SOVIET INROADS INTO ARGENTINA, KEEPING IN MIND THAT ARGENTINA'S FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE WITH THE USSR MAY FACILITATE SUCH RELATIONS.

-- IF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION PERMITS, PRESS THE ARGENTINES TO REJOIN THE 1978 JOINT LATIN AMERICAN-US FLEET EXERCISE (UNITAS).

V. ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY OVER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES

-- MAINTAIN US-ARGENTINE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN ANTARCTICA, WHERE ONE OF OUR STATIONS
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IS SUPPLIED VIA ARGENTINA.

-- ENCOURAGE ARGENTINA TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL ISSUES SUPPORTIVE OF US POSITIONS.

-- IF APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE ARGENTINE INVOLVEMENT IN
IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES, E.G., THE
MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

VII. PROMOTION OF IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES
THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES

-- GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO EXCHANGES OF JURISTS AND
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